

## **LETTER MOTION**

**COMMITTEE:** Transportation, Infrastructure, & Sustainability

**TITLE:** Murphy Drill Site and Case ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6

**PURPOSE:** To call on the City of Los Angeles to uphold its February 28 Letter of Determination on Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6. To increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the West Adams community.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Los Angeles approved an ordinance in December 2022 to phase out oil drilling operations within City limits; however, the phaseout of oil drilling in the City will follow an amortization schedule whereby some active drilling sites will remain in operation for up to 20 years.

There is a long history of discriminatory and disparate treatment in oil drilling requirements whereby some communities are provided with greater environmental protections from pollution and noise compared to other lower income communities which are not.

The Murphy Drill site in West Adams is an example of a community that has been exposed to toxic fumes and noise pollution that could be partially abated through facility enclosure and electrification of workover rigs and onsite power supply, as has been done in wealthier communities.

On February 28, 2023, the City's Planning Department issued a Letter of Determination on Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6 requiring additional and modified conditions for the continued operation of the Murphy Oil Drill Site "to increase the protection of and to preserve the health, safety and general welfare of the residents and stakeholders of the neighborhood".

On March 13, 2023, E & B Natural Resources, the operator of the Murphy Drill site, filed an appeal to the City's Letter of Determination

It is important the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission uphold the February 28 Letter of Determination and implement its requirements as soon as possible for the health and welfare of the West Adams community.

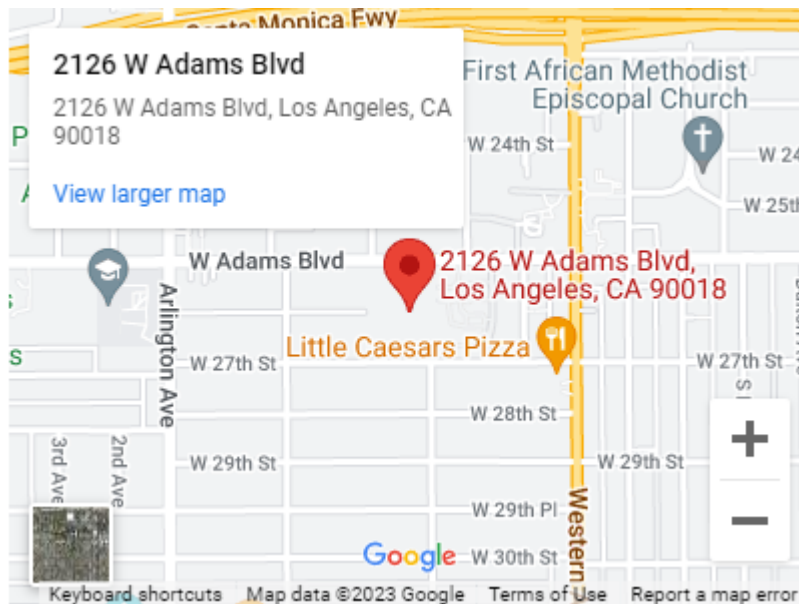
**THE MOTION:** The MVCC is FOR the City of Los Angeles upholding its February 28 Letter of Determination on Case No. ZA-1959-15227-O-PA6.

**DIRECTED TO:** Mayor Bass, City Attorney Soto, and Planning Director Bertoni

**ACTION/VOTE COUNT:**

Motion moved by Director Myhra, seconded by Kevin W. Motion approved 7 to 0, with 1 abstention.

**Map**



**Photos Below**

**Jefferson Park & Kinney Heights**  
– 16,300 people per square mile  
– Among the highest population densities in the City & County of Los Angeles

**The Murphy Controlled Drill Site as designated since 1961**



**Burner (CEB 800)**

**The park below the Controlled Drill Site**

**St. Andrews Apts: 2 Stories**



